DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Sir, I have a supplementary.

श्री उपसभापति: आप जल्दी बोलिए। I have to take up, at least, two more questions.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: The Justice Sikri Committee has given a report on railway safety. Justice Sikri was the Chairman of that Committee. It submitted a comprehensive report on railway accidents and railway safety. How many recommendations of that Committee have been accepted and implemented? How many recommendations are still being considered or have not been implemented? This was the only Committee and after that no Committee on Railway Safety was constituted.

SHRI R. VELU: Sir, just now I don't have the information. The hon. Member can put a separate question.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can give the information to the hon. Member.

Unauthorised structures in Wild Life Sanctuaries

*184 SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unautorized structures violative of Revenue Act within the precincts of Ranthambore National Sancturary have been demolished;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) the other wild life sanctuaries and national parks where unauthorized structures exist in their precincts; and

(d) what is Government's plan to free them from unauthorized land use to ensure safety of wild animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) The details as provided by the State are given in the Statement-I (*See* below)

(c) Protected areas including National Parks, sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves in States are under the administrative control of respective State Governments and data pertaining to unauthorized structures around such areas are not maintained at the Government of India level.

(d) Provisions have been made in the Wildlife(Protection) Act, 1972 for removal of encroachment and to control construction of commercial buildings inside a sanctuary or National Park.

Statement-I

Details regarding unauthorized structures within the precinsts of Ranthambore National Sanctuary

(1) As many as 32 cases relating to unauthorized construction around the Ranthambore National Park were registered by the Tehsildar, Swai Madhopur, under the Rajasthan Land Revenue Act.

(2) Action was initiated under the said Act against concerned landholders/ encroachers for unauthorized use of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes by constructing hotel, restaurant, showroom, shops and eateries for not taking initiative through the competent authority for conversion of land use. The landowners and encroachers were issued notices, followed by hearing and eviction, due to which demolition and removal of construction has taken place in 25 cases.

SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I would like to know, through you, from the hon. Minister whether the occupants of unauthorized structures in the national sanctuaries were found to be involved in poaching. If it is so, I would like to have the details for the last three years along with the number of wild animals killed by poaching.

SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA: Sir, the record of poaching and the houses constructed outside the sanctuaries is maintained by the State Governments. Therefore, if the hon. Member is keen on any particular State, I will call for the statement and provide him.

SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Sir, my next supplementary is whether there is any case of officers of national parks or sanctuaries helping or allowing unauthorized structures. If it is so, I would like to know the action taken against them.

SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA: Sir, we have no such information.

DR. KARAN SINGH: Sir, the question of conservation, particularly, of tiger is a question that has been agitating the mind of the nation for many years. In fact, there is also mention in the President's Address this time. Now, the hon. Minister has said that they don't keep statistics of poaching in the sanctuaries. It is very strange because it is after all a Central project, Project Tiger. A vast sum of money is given by the Central Government. How could it be that the Central Government does not keep statistics on poaching and does not keep an eye on the poachers?

SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA: Sir, I said that we did not have such figures in reply to the earlier question as to how many officers are found helping in poaching. As far as poaching is concerned, we have got the figures. The figures are made available to us by the State Governments. I have the figures for the last three years with me and I can provide them to the hon. Member.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can send them to the hon. Member.

ग्वालियर-इटावा रेल लाइन का बिछाया जाना

*185. श्री लक्ष्मीनारायण शर्मा: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ग्वालियर से इटावा (उ॰ प्र॰) तक रेल लाइन बिछाने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह परियोजना कब तक पूरी हो जाएगी; और

(ग) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर॰ वेलू): (क) से (ग) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

विवरण

(क) से (ग) गुना और इटावा (344 किलोमीटर) के बीच नई लाइन का कार्य 1985-86 के बजट में शामिल किया गया था। गुना-ग्वालियर-भिंड (306 किलोमीटर) के बीच कार्य पहले ही पूरा हो गया है और भिंड तथा इटावा खण्ड (38 किलोमीटर) के बीच प्रगति पर है। इस परियोजना के 2007-08 के दौरान पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है।

Laying of Gwalior-Etawah Rail Line

†*185. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to lay railway line between Gwalior and Etawah (U.P.);

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.